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Identical letters dated 27 August 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

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In the span of only five days, between 19 and 24 August 2014, 37 rockets were indiscriminately fired from civilian buildings in Gaza or from their immediate surroundings. Hamas' tactic was clear: it sought to intentionally draw Israel Defense Forces (IDF) fire towards these civilian areas, in an effort to delegitimize any Israeli response.

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Israel has repeatedly requested that the Security Council and the United Nations publically denounce the appalling use by Hamas of civilian buildings for terrorist activities. Enclosed with the present letter is a list of the civilian areas from which rockets were fired between 19 and 24 August (see annex I) and maps that unmistakably depict Hamas' horrific actions (see annex II). I expect the Security Council to speak clearly and decisively against Hamas' modus operandi, with the utmost seriousness.

I should be grateful if this letter could be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ron **Prosor**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex I to the identical letters dated 27 August 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Rocket fire from civilian structures

1. 19-24 August 2014 — Five rockets were fired from the immediate vicinity of the Al-Wakaf Al-Shariah School, the Al-Surani Clinic and the Hashem Mishmar School in Zeytoun.

2. 19-24 August 2014 — Nine rockets were fired from within 70 metres of Shohada Medical Center, the Salah Hef School, the Even Sinah School and the Haled Al-Alami Girls School in northern Gaza City.

3. 19-24 August 2014 — Eleven rockets were fired from the immediate vicinity of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Shahada Al-Manar Boys School, the Ma'in B'siso Boys School and the Al-Sajayia School.

4. 19-24 August 2014 — Three rockets were fired from the immediate vicinity of the Ali Bin Abi Taleb School in Zeytoun.

5. 20 August 2014 — Two rockets were fired 30 metres from the Attatra Clinic in Beit Lahiya.

6. 20 August 2014 — One rocket was fired 50 metres from the UNRWA Girls Preparatory School in Dir El Balah.

7. 20 and 22 August 2014 — Two rockets were fired 50-60 metres from an UNRWA school under construction in Han Yunis.

8. 22 August 2014 — One rocket was fired from the immediate vicinity of the Isma Binat Abu Bekher School in Jabaliyah.

9. 23 August 2014 — Two rockets were fired 52 metres from a school under construction in Jabaliyah.

10. 23 August 2014 — One rocket was fired from the immediate vicinity of the Al-Ayun Hospital compound, next to the Zaharah School in Sheikh Reduan.

Annex II to the identical letters dated 27 August 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council*

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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I should be grateful if this letter would be distributed as an official document of the Security Council. I wish to inform you that an identical letter has been sent to H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Allow me, Excellency, to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours truly,

Ron Prosor
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant
President of the Security Council
United Nations
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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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של ישראל לאומות המאוחדות

Rocket Fire from Civilian Structures

1. 19-24/08/14 – 5 Rockets fired from the immediate vicinity of the Al-Wakaf Al-Shariah School, Al-Surani Clinic and the Hashem Mishmar School in Zeytoun.
2. 19-24/08 – 9 Rockets fired from within 70 meters of the Shohada Medical Center, Salah Hef School, Even Sinah School and the Haled Al-Alami Girls School in Northern Gaza City.
3. 19-24/08/14 – 11 Rockets fired from the immediate vicinity of UNRWA's Shahada Al-Manar Boys School, Ma'in B'siso Boys School, and the Al Sajayia School.
4. 19-24/08/14 – 3 Rockets fired from the immediate vicinity of the Ali Bin Abi Taleb School in Zeytoun.
5. 20/08/14 – 2 Rockets fired 30 meters from the Attatra Clinic in Beit Lahiya.
6. 20/08/14 – 1 Rocket fired 50 meters from the UNRWA Girls Preparatory School in Dir El Balah.
7. 20, 22/08/14 – 2 Rockets fired 50-60 meters from an UNRWA school under construction in Han Yunis.
8. 22/08/14 – 1 Rocket fired from the immediate vicinity of the Isma Binat Abu Bekher School in Jabaliyah.
9. 23/08/14 – 2 Rockets fired 52 meters from a school under construction in Jabaliyah.
10. 23/08/14 – 1 Rocket fired from the immediate vicinity of the Al-Ayun Hospital Compound, next to the Zaharah School in Sheikh Reduan.

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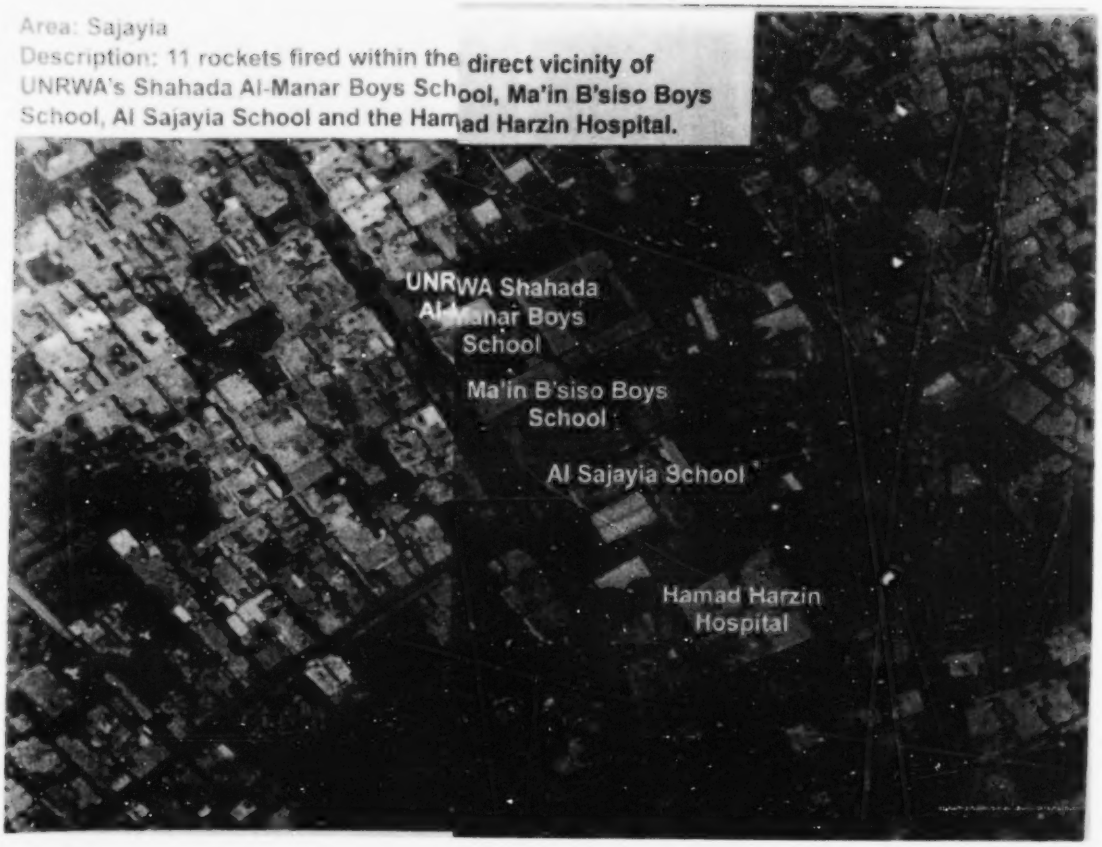
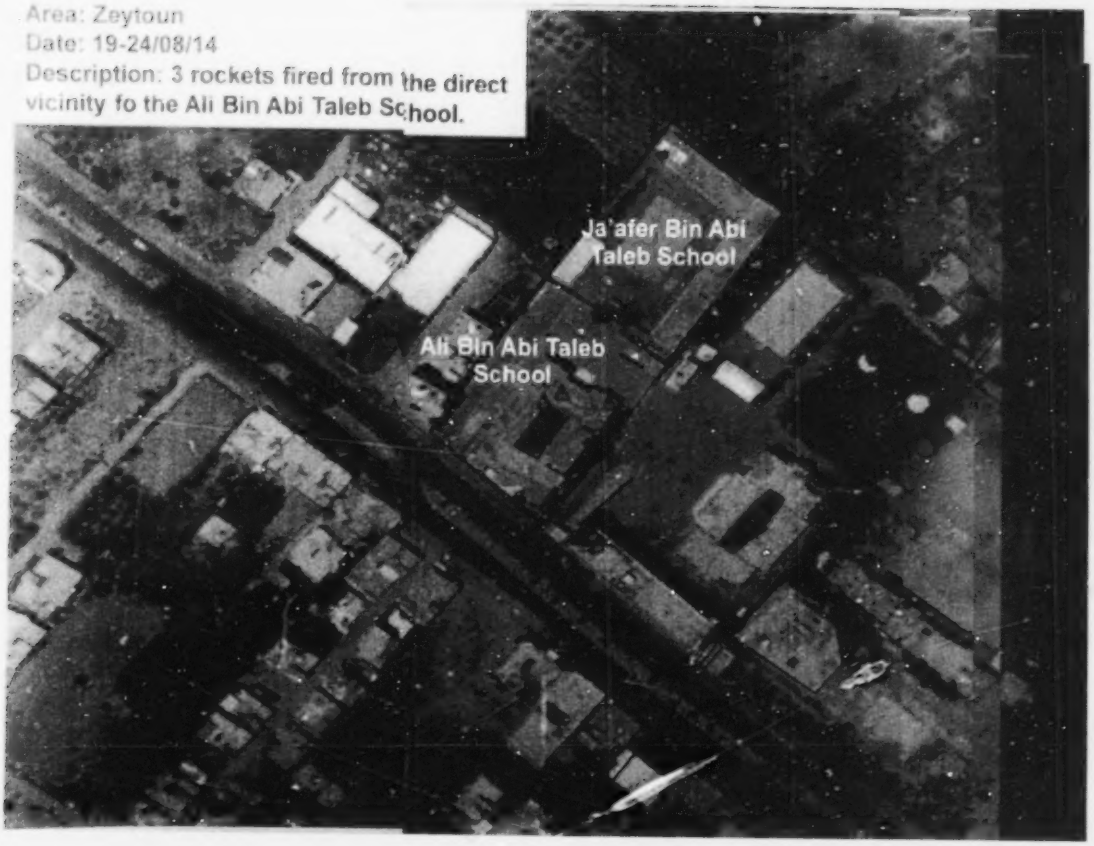
Area: Northern Gaza
Date: 19-24/08/14
Description: 9 rockets fired from within 70 meters of the Shohada Medical Center, Salah Hef School, Even Sinah School, and the Haled Al-Alami Girls School.

Area: Sajayia
Description: 11 rockets fired within the direct vicinity of UNRWA's Shahada Al-Manar Boys School, Ma'in B'siso Boys School, Al Sajayia School and the Hamad Harzin Hospital.



Area: Zeytoun
Date: 19-24/08/14
Description: 3 rockets fired from the direct vicinity fo the Ali Bin Abi Taleb School.



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Date: 20/(
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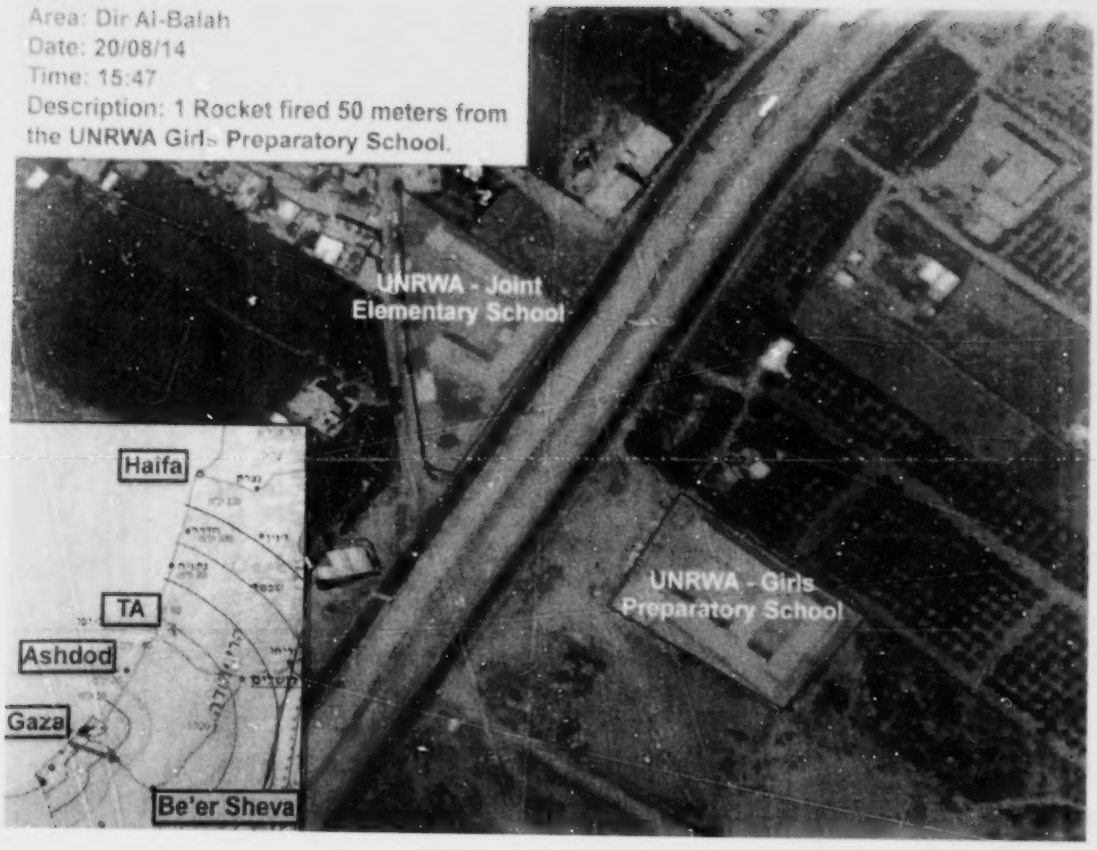
Area: Dir Al-Balah
Date: 20/08/14
Time: 15:47
Description: 1 Rocket fired 50 meters from the UNRWA Girls Preparatory School.
UNRWA - Joint Elementary School
UNRWA - Girls Preparatory School
Haifa
TA
Ashdod
Gaza
Be'er Sheva

Area: Han Yunis
Date: 20/08/14, 22/08/14
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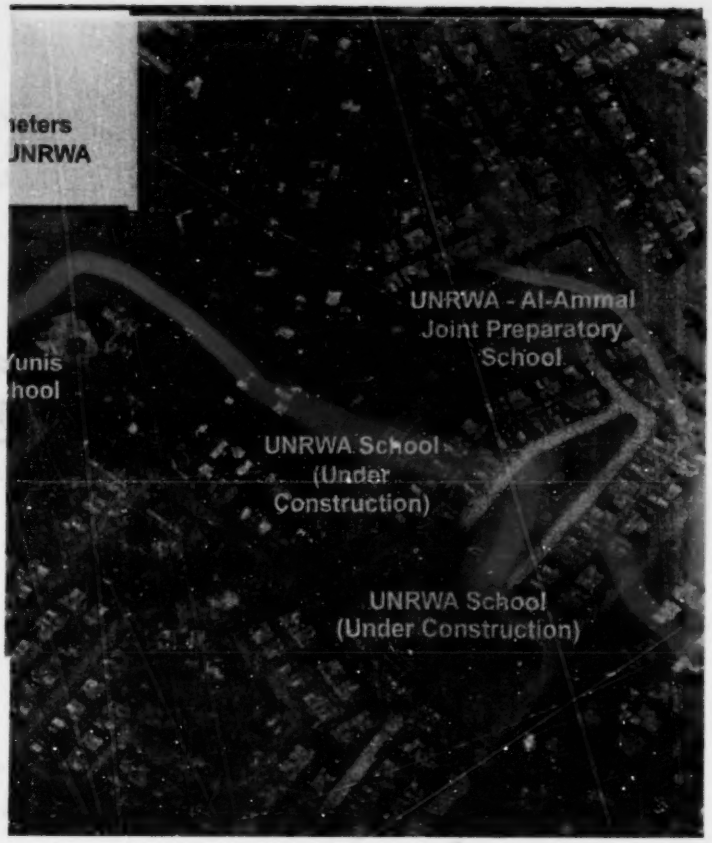
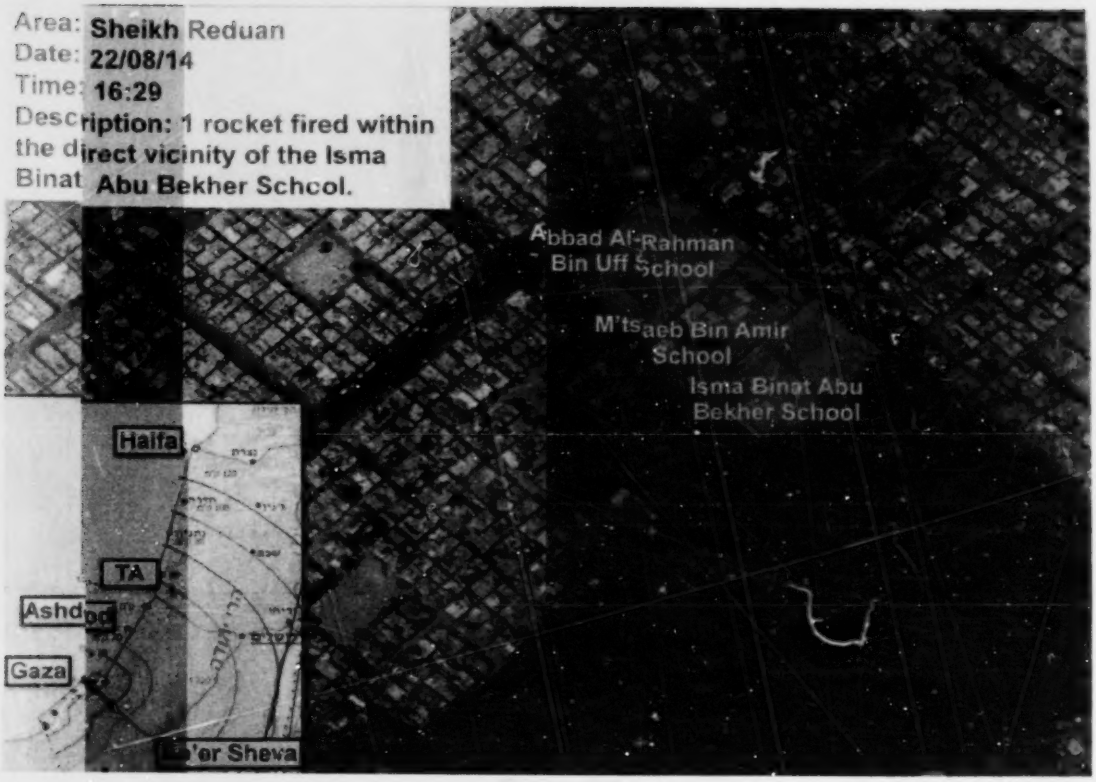
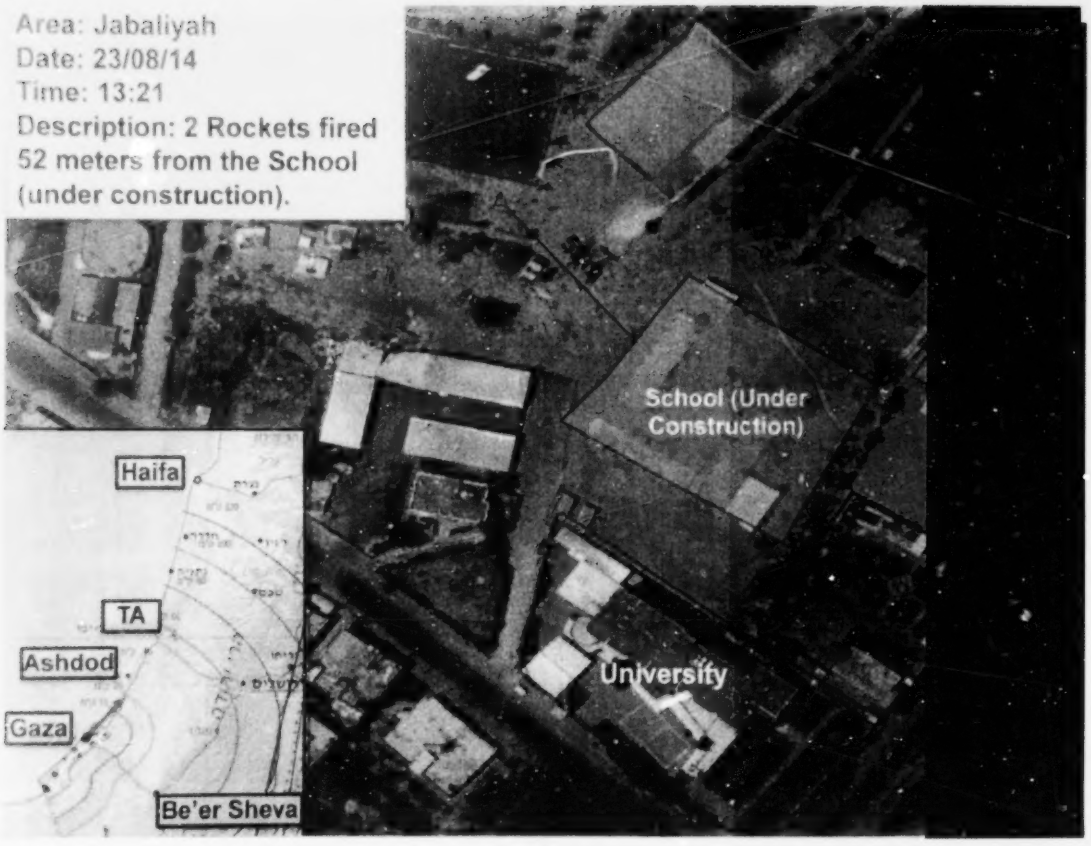
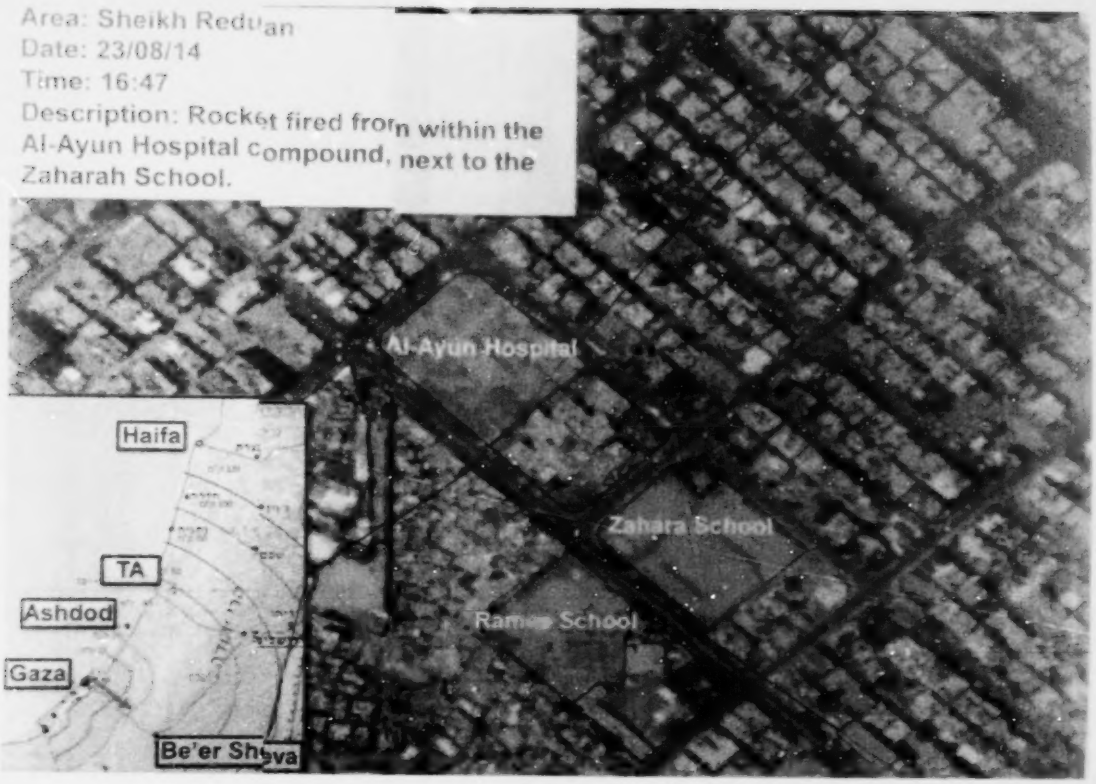
Description: 2 Rockets fire
from the construction site
School.




Area: Sheikh Reduan
Date: 22/08/14
Time: 16:29
Description: 1 rocket fired within the direct vicinity of the Isma Binat Abu Bekher School.
Abbad Al-Rahman Bin Uff School
M'tsaeb Bin Amir School
Isma Binat Abu Bekher School
Haifa
TA
Ashdod
Gaza
Be'er Sheva


Area: Jabaliyah
Date: 23/08/14
Time: 13:21
Description: 2 Rockets fired 52 meters from the School (under construction).
School (Under Construction)
University
Haifa
TA
Ashdod
Gaza
Be'er Sheva


Area: Sheikh Reduan
Date: 23/08/14
Time: 16:47
Description: Rocket fired from within the Al-Ayun Hospital compound, next to the Zaharah School.
Al-Ayun Hospital
Zahara School
Ramla School
Haifa
TA
Ashdod
Gaza
Be'er Sheva